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Division President's Message

**Dennis Mulligan**



Worthy Brothers

Now that the very hot summer months are behind us and the cool fall weather is coming, we will be preparing for the Richmond Highland Games on November 4th and 5th. This is the kick-off for our annual Raffle Ticket fundraising. We will need help to set up the Division booth on Friday, November 3rd. On Saturday Nov. 4th, and Sunday, Nov. 5th, we will need your help selling raffle tickets and to use the opportunity to do some recruiting, too. By now, all brothers would have received an opportunity by email to sign up via **SignUpGenius**, so pick a date and time and have some

fun.

The month of December will be a busy time for our division. We will have much to discuss before the end of the year, and raffle tickets is a big issue. We are still working on a slate of Officers for 2024 and, also, we need to finalize a budget for 2024. So, please join us this Thursday, Oct. 12th, at 7pm for our monthly meeting at St Joseph Church.

As I close this letter, I need you to consider helping out by holding an Officer position in our Division this coming year, This an excellent opportunity to give back to our Division , so please plan on coming to our meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our Meeting .

Dennis Mulligan,  
President

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## Business Meetings

Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month. No meetings are held during July and August.

Meetings are held at:  
St. Joseph's Church  
828 Buford Road  
Richmond, VA 23235

### 2023 Business Meeting Schedule:

*Our next regular Division Meeting is October 12, 2023*

Socials at O'Toole's Restaurant & Pub, 13919 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA 23114 on the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 5PM.

## State Quarterly Meeting

St. Mary's Church  
9505 Gayton Rd. Henrico, 23228

October 21, 10 AM-12PM

Ancient Order of Hibernians  
PO Box 539  
West Caldwell, NJ 07007



**A LETTER TO  
IRISH AMERICA**

## Richmond Highland Games

### Brothers:

By now you would have received your emailed invitation to sign up to donate a little of your time to attend our booth at Dorey Park in Henrico County.

This will be a great chance for us to enjoy lots of craic with booth visitors and to sell raffle tickets and do a little recruiting!

**Dorey Park  
2999 Darbytown Road  
Henrico, VA 23231**



## 911 Memorial Pictures – AOH Virginia State Board

Contribution by Brendan Cooney to the Virginia State Board.

I was able to visit NYC over the weekend and through Tuesday. 9/11 is a sad and solemn event, but one that I am happy and honored to attend.

Having been activated after 9/11, it hits home for me and provides that emotional connection. I was a student during an Army Broadening Seminar that meshed first responder challenges with military response back in 2019, and now I get to go back and visit the course and its instructors.

## News From National

### AOH Statement on Passage of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill

September 7, 2023 By Neil Cosgrove

With the passage today of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill, the government of Prime Minister Sunak has decided to add their own sad chapter in the history of Britain's callous disregard for the rights of the Irish people. The bill trades equal access to the courts and justice that are the mark of all democratic societies for an unrealistic, forlorn hope that perpetrators of killings and torture will, after decades of literally getting away with murder, will now have a "Road to Damascus" moment.

In rare unanimity, the bill is opposed by all major Northern Ireland Political parties and all segments of the Northern Ireland community. The bill is as undemocratic as it is unjust; it reflects a return to Britain's imperial attitudes of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, not the values of the world of the 21<sup>st</sup>.

In unilaterally adopting this bill, the United Kingdom has violated the Good Friday, Stormont House, and Fresh Start Agreements, which now join the dubious company of the Treaty of Limerick and the Third Home Rule Bill. It is yet another sad justification of Britain's sobriquet "Perfidious Albion." With this track record of broken commitments and promises, how can one have faith in the dubious truth recovery provisions of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill?

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## A Bit of Irish History

### Patrick Pearse

Patrick Pearse, in full Patrick Henry Pearse, Patrick also spelled in Irish Pádraic, (born November 10, 1879, Dublin, Ireland—died May 3, 1916, Dublin), Irish nationalist leader, poet, and educator. He was the first president of the provisional government of the Irish republic proclaimed in Dublin on April 24, 1916, and was commander in chief of the Irish forces in the anti-British Easter Rising that began on the same day.

The son of an English sculptor and his Irish wife, Pearse became a director of the Gaelic League (founded 1893 for the preservation of the Irish language) and edited (1903–09) its weekly newspaper, *An Claidheamh Soluis* (“The Sword of Light”). To further promote the Irish language as a weapon against British domination, he published tales from old Irish manuscripts and a collection (1914) of his own poems in the modern Irish idiom. He founded St. Enda’s College (1908), near Dublin, as a bilingual institution with its teaching based on Irish traditions and culture.



On the formation of the Irish Volunteers (November 1913) as a counterforce against the Ulster Volunteers (militant supporters of the Anglo-Irish union), Pearse became a member of their provisional committee, and he contributed poems and articles to their newspaper, *The Irish Volunteer*. In July 1914 he was made a member of the supreme council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB). After the Irish Volunteers split (September 1914), he became a leader of the more extreme nationalist section, which opposed any support for Great Britain in World War I. He came to believe that the blood of martyrs would be required to liberate Ireland, and on that theme he delivered a famous oration in August 1915 at the burial of Jeremiah O’Donovan, known as O’Donovan Rossa, a veteran of Sinn Féin.

As early as spring 1915 Pearse, as an IRB supreme council member, helped to plan the Easter Rising. On Easter Monday he proclaimed the provisional government of the Irish republic from the steps of Dublin General Post Office. On April 29, when the revolt was crushed, he surrendered to the British. After a court-martial, he was shot by a firing squad. More than any other man, Pearse was responsible for establishing the republican tradition in Ireland.



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Bog Field, County Donegal, Ireland



Peace Bridge Meant to connect Catholics and Protestants



Early Morning at the Beach in Co. Donegal

## Recent In Memorium

## Prayer List

**Brother Dan Harrington:** Being treated monthly for Lukemia, CKD, etc. Dan's brother, **Kevin**, has contracted an infection during wiring of a broken jawbone.

**Brother Chuck Mulhern:** in nursing home and is bedridden

**Brother Frank King:** moved to Bickford Assisted Living and is on dialysis three times a week

**Brother Rick Brennan:** Has undergone successful bypass surgery and is recovering.

**Helen Brennan:** Spouse of Rick, broke her hip and undergoing surgery. **Rick's son** having knee replacement in early October.

**Brother Ray Olson and wife Loraine:**

**Brother Mike McGee's son-in-law:** Undergoing surgery this month for advanced bladder cancer.

**Brother Jim Dunn-**Jim suffered a stroke and, fortunately, is home recovering. He expects to be unavailable for a few months.

# In Memorium

## *Deceased Brothers and Spouses*

Joyce, Spouse of Brother Daniel Harrington

Irene, Spouse of Brother Mike McGee

Brother James Calpin

Glenda, Spouse of Brother Frank King

Brother William Murphy

Brother George and Spouse Kathleen Rodenberg

Brother Micheal Dougherty

Brother Robert Cavanaugh



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### **Our Division History**

The Msgr. Charles Kelly, Jr. Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was formed in December, 2009 and conducted its first meeting on January 21, 2010 at St. John Neumann Church, Powhatan, Virginia. The next few meetings were taken up with election of officers and the many procedural items needed to get our group started.

Since that time we continue to grow, adding new members and supporting and donating to Catholic schools and Churches in the area, in line with our commitment to Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.